

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Property Tax Payments can now be made online

Submitted by Tracey Black

Our new office hours are Tuesdays 9am-12pm & Wednesdays 4pm-6pm. We will reply to your email as soon as we are in the office.

Thank you and have a great day.

You can find the current amount due for your property taxes on the KIOSK located on the town website:

<https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=NOTTINGHAM>

You can find the current property tax card with the assessed value of the property at <https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/assessing-coordinator-office/assessing/pages/online-tax-cards-maps>

Credit/Debit card & PayPal payments - Will be charged an additional 2.95% of the tax payment as a processing fee from the credit card company (\$2.95 minimum fee).

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The additional fees are charged by and paid to the processing company for the online bill payment service.

To make online payments, go to the town website at www.nottingham-nh.gov and then go to the Property Tax Kiosk button. When you choose to make a payment on the Tax Kiosk, prior to submitting the shopping cart, you will be asked if you wish to opt-in to receive future tax bill invoices electronically rather

than by mail. When you answer yes you will be prompted to enter a valid email address. The Tax Kiosk will contact you at the email address you provided to verify that the email address is valid and to confirm you wish to opt-in for future Paperless Notification. You must click the Confirm link in the confirmation email to be enrolled in Paperless Notification.

When you opt-in for Paperless Notification you will receive email notifications when a tax bill is available for review on the Tax Kiosk. The email will include the parcel location, invoice number, due amount, due date, and an easily recognizable link which you can follow to view the invoice summary on the Tax Kiosk. It will also explain that you can press the "View Bill PDF" button on the invoice summary page to display a digital copy of your original tax bill. You will receive a reminder email if your balance is over \$0.00 a few days before payment is due. If there is still a balance due, you will receive a final reminder few days after payment is due.

If you would like to sign up for online billing notification now, you can do so by sending an email to the tax collector at taxcollect@nottingham-nh.gov with the valid email address you would like to receive the billing notification. Once the request is processed with the Kiosk, you will receive an email notice from the Kiosk asking for confirmation that you wish to opt-in for future Paperless Notification. You still must click the Confirm link in the confirmation email to be enrolled in Paperless Notification.



Newly formed Nottingham Girl Scout Troop

Contact: Ginger Kozlowski, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains gkozlowski@girlscoutsgwm.org or 603-568-1437

NOTTINGHAM, NH – Girl Scout Troop 62216 has been very busy since forming last fall, learning life skills that will serve them well as they grow up. The troop includes six Daisies in kindergarten and first grade in Nottingham.

Daisy troop in Nottingham is learning new skills and making friends:



Girls enjoying first experience as Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Daisies in a new Nottingham troop make heart-shaped natural bird feeders. (Courtesy photo)

Troop Leader Katie Green said they have spent the past few months earning badges in outdoor art,

robotics, shapes in nature, snow adventure, and cookies, as well as participating in the council's fall product sale. The girls are ready for their first adventure into learning financial literacy and business skills with the Girl Scout Cookie program. The troop has a particular love for science experiments that include getting messy. They made volcanoes, created their own snow dough, and covered their hands in Crisco to test how arctic animals stay warm in the snow. They are looking forward to their first cookie booths, sledding and snow shoeing, and taking a few fields trips this winter. The troop also celebrated their investiture in December with a special pinning ceremony in December with friends and family.

Co-leader Carrie Green Loszewski said the girls are eager to make new friends, so they welcome new members to the troop. The troop currently has girls from four different schools, so it has been a great opportunity for meeting new friends. They meet weekly at the Nottingham Community Center.

"It's wonderful to see how quickly they learn to work together as a group," she said. "I can't wait to see how the connection and camaraderie continues to develop as they grow older!"

Girls are welcome to join Girl Scouts any time of the year. Participate by joining an existing troop, forming a new troop, or even as an individual member. Find out more at www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

Girl Scouts is here for them through it all. Cheering them on, lifting them up, celebrating their strengths. Today, tomorrow, together – we're on their team.

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges – whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. To join us, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, visit girlscouts.org.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves girls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont through volunteer-run troops, events, and virtual programs. Visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org to learn more.

A Sad Farewell and a Happy Hello at the Historical Society!

On February 10, 2022, the Nottingham Historical Society (NHS), the Thursday morning crew bid our former society president Rhoda Capron a *sad farewell*. She and her husband Steve will be moving to Seattle to be near their children and grandchildren. She was presented with a platter upon which the recipe for our famous blueberry syrup had been printed.

The *happy hello* was to our new Van Dame Schoolhouse sign. It will be mounted on the front of the museum building. Hopefully anyone doing business at the Town Hall or passing by will now know what the building houses and pay us a visit.



On another note, the **Pie Social** will not be held in March as advertised in the 300th listing of events. With both the Old Town Hall and new Town Hall kitchen being under renovation and COVID still around, the Pie Social will possibly be held at a later date and at a location to be announced.



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~ Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Did you Know??

This newsletter is also available as a pdf file on the Town of Nottingham Website. It is in COLOR and has active links!

(It is often available online as much as a week or two before the printed copy.

To download it go to:

<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/about-nottingham/pages/newsletter>

(Scroll down and click on the date of the newsletter that you want to download.)

Spring Migration Story
Submitted by Dallas Huggins

As of this writing the weather is still frigid, and the snowpack is thick - it's hard to imagine the abundance of life that will return to our local forests before we know it. Migrating sparrows, warblers, and more will become harbingers of spring, bellowing their songs as they return to their breeding ranges. The ground will thaw, the lakes will flow again, and vibrant greens will



liven the tree canopies. But perhaps the most spectacular event during springtime is the great amphibian migration, otherwise referred to as the "Big Night".

During the first warm, rainy nights of Spring, our local roads will witness a flurry of activity, as our frogs and salamanders travel en masse to vernal pools to breed. After spending the winter brumating, (similar to how mammals hibernate,) they awake with a mission and make the same journey they've made year after year, some over multiple decades, to the vernal pools to find a mate. This all happens over a series of nights, usually occurring from the end of March through May. After mating occurs on one of these magical evenings, egg masses will be deposited and fertilized in these pools, which will in time become the next generation's tadpoles and juvenile salamanders.

The town of Nottingham has critical habitat for amphibian and reptile species and a wealth of biodiversity, and we are lucky enough to have this phenomenon occur right near home. The unfortunate flip side is that some of our local roads cut right through the migration paths of these frogs and salamanders. Studies have shown the immense

damage that roads can have during these events. It is vital we work together to protect our local amphibians before it's too late.

Want to help? The best thing you could do is stay home after dark on warm (> 40 F), rainy nights throughout spring. Such a simple thing can save so many lives, and your reward is staying cozy and dry! If you'd like to witness one of these events, the Harris Center helps organize salamander crossings where volunteers can help move amphibians off the road; you can find more information on their website about these crossing brigades.

If you have identified a road within Nottingham of special importance during these migrations, or have any questions, please reach out. My email is: dallas.a.huggins@gmail.com

New Hope Church

Join us to worship at New Hope church every Sunday at 10:00 AM. The New Hope Church is located at 34 Raymond Road Nottingham, NH. If you would like to participate via Zoom contact Pastor Ted White at ted@new-hopechurch.com for a link. We are also on Facebook live. Please join us for God's word.

Bible study for men will be held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. For additional information call 285-3533.

There are three women bible groups going on with our church. We now have a group meeting in Derry at the Panera restaurant. All groups meet on Tuesdays. Both Derry and Strafford meet at 7 PM and the one at New Hope Church meets at 6:30 PM. For information about the Nottingham group email Karen at kirkrowl@aol.com. Strafford meeting information contact whitehouseelc@gmail.com.

The second Friday of the month we meet at the church to pray for our nation. All are welcome to attend this important prayer group.

Easter service will be on April 17th. We will have a post sunrise service at 8 AM followed by a fellowship breakfast. There will also be a 10 AM service that morning. Prior to Easter we will start praying and fasting for our country. We will start on March 17th, and it will lead right up until Easter Sunday.

New Hope Church works in our community whenever possible. This year we have contributed to the 300th Tricentennial, we have had a community Thanksgiving meal where we delivered food to others. Working within our community is important to us. If you would like to help within our town and other communities, please come and join us.

The School Board
Submitted by Megan Sebasco

The School Board, along with administration, has spent the past few months developing and refining the budget presented to voters during the deliberative session on February 8th and will be voted on at the March 8th town & school elections being held at Nottingham School. There are two open board positions (1 - one year term, 1 - three-year term) that will be on the ballot as well as several warrant articles including a proposed school addition and paraprofessional contracts.

The Transition Committee has been reviewing software options for functionality and cost based on RFP responses for financial software. The committee will be reviewing all contracts in order to make recommendations to the board and ensure that agreements for the new SAU are in place. The work at the Old Town Hall is underway and the School Board is working with Town Administration and the BOS on the agreement for that space. The Transition Committee made recommendations to the School Board about organizational structure that maintain the cost structure outlined in the original plan. The Board is in the process of the Superintendent search and has also begun the search for a Business Administrator. We have been in communication with the NH Dept of Education

regarding the formation of the new SAU and will follow up in May to receive our new SAU number. There is still much work to do, and the committee looks forward to the smooth transition to a new Nottingham SAU in July.

In other school board news, the Facilities Committee has been working on a communication strategy regarding the building project and more information can be found on the Nottingham School Website (<https://www.nottingham.k12.nh.us/>). The CIP committee has been meeting to develop the school's long-term plan regarding large expenses that will need to be made over the next five years. This information can be found in the town/school report. The Communications Committee continues to share information via the school's website and facebook page @NottinghamSchoolBoard.

After the election in March, the School Board will be conducting a reorganization for committees. The board is always looking for community members to join these committees. Please look for postings to see how you can get involved. The School Board welcomes your feedback and encourages all community members to attend our meetings held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the School Library.



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Parks and Recreation Department News

Submitted by Emma Breslend, Program Supervisor

Recreation Office: M-F
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Please make sure to check out our website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter page for all up-to-date programming. We consistently have new programs that are added to our page at various times of the year, and we can't always get them into this newsletter.

<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department>

Facebook: @nottinghamparksandrecreation

Instagram: @nottinghamparksandrecreation

Twitter: @ParksNottingham

Are you on our email list? Do you want updates and new program information right to your inbox?? Just send us an email OR visit: <https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department>. Fill out the form that is located on our homepage!

Announcements:

We will be having April Vacation camp at the community center from 4/25/22 - 4/29/22. There will also be a Seacoast United Soccer Camp occurring at the same time at the Seacoast United facility.

The department has hired a new Program Supervisor. Emma Breslend will be working part time in the office until she graduates from UNH in May, when she will transition to full time.

Summer Programming Information! Never Fear! We have been planning for summer activities since January and we are very excited to release summer and Fall information **THIS APRIL**. Please be on the lookout for our Summer/Fall Publication at town facilities and online. We will also send a copy home with every student at Nottingham School. We are excited to offer a variety of summer camps this year, a full concert line up and so much more. Please call the Rec with any questions, we look forward to catching up.

Can you help? Nottingham we are in search of community members who grow their own flowers and are willing to donate to a fun program! During our summer concert series, we host a "Build Your Own Floral Bouquet station," for a small fee. All proceeds went to purchasing flowers for the next week. We would love to partner with a community member(s) who locally grow their own flowers. If you are interested in learning more, please email recreation@nottingham-nh.gov.

WE ARE HIRING!! Currently looking for Summer Camp Staff, After School Care Staff and Lifeguards for the 2022 season. If interested, please visit our website for more information.

Nottingham Parks & Rec Sponsorship Opportunities:

We are happy to announce that we are back in action! We are hopeful that we can offer quality programming and events that meets the needs of our community. Visit our website if you or your business is interested in partnering with us in 2022.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

Egg Hunt and You've Been Egged! :

Egg Hunt: 4/9/2022

Free Admission, Preregistration Required

PreK-6th Grade

The egg hunt will be taking place at the community center this year, starting at the Bandstand. Due to COVID, each child will receive a "Bag of Yolks" goodie bag. Participants will be required to sign up for a time slot in which they will be able to hunt for eggs.

You've Been Egged! 4/8/2022

\$5 Registration Fee, Preregistration Required

PreK-6th Grade

We bring the eggs to you! Nottingham Parks and Recreation will egg your yard. We will hide 10 eggs per child in your yard (so make sure you sign up all kids individually!). Eggs will be delivered using proper COVID procedures. Happy egg hunting!

Monthly Luncheons:

3/16/22, 4/20/22, 5/18/22, 6/15/22, 9/21/22, 10/19/22, 11/16/22, 12/21/22

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month at **12:00pm (EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)**. We are still offering lunch deliveries and those meals will be dropped off either the day before or the day after the luncheons. Please RSVP to recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov, or call 603-679-3435x107 for more information or to reserve your plate.

Pickleball – All Levels

ENDING IN APRIL

Tuesday and Thursday, BEGINNER PLAY 9:00am-11:00am, ADVANCED PLAY 1:00Ppm-3:00pm

139 Stage Rd. Nottingham, NH 03290

Drop in \$2 per visit, MUST REGISTER ONSITE with Parks & Rec

This is a great program for those who are interested in learning more about the game of pickleball and the basics. This is ALL SKILLS class, developed to encourage having fun, socializing, and learning the rules of the game. Currently there are no advance times, please reach out to the department to inquire about additional pickleball times. We suggest that you bring your own paddle, but we have nets and balls here! **Please note that our gym is small, when two courts are taped the playing space is short by about two feet.

American Eagle Mixed Martial Arts – Brendan Behr

Ages 5 and up, Kids Beginner, (Year -round) Monday and Wednesday, 5:30pm-6:15pm

Kids Intermediate/Advanced, (Year-round) Monday and Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:15pm

Teens and Adult Martial Arts, (Year-round) Monday and Wednesday, 7:00pm-7:45pm

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Preregistration required, \$70 per month



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Toddler Gym

ENDING JUNE 13th

*Pre School Age Kids, (During the School Year) Monday's 9:30am-11:30am (*NEW TIME), 139 Stage Rd. Nottingham, NH 03290*

\$2 Drop in Registration, onsite

No Toddler Gym on Federal Holidays!

This program requires a parent or guardian in attendance.

Nottingham Parks & Rec- April Vacation Camps

K-6th Grade, (4/25/2022-4-29/2022) 8:00AM-5:00PM, 139 Stage Rd. Nottingham, NH 03290

Registration Fee: \$130

Preregistration required, opens a month prior to camp.

Campers will enjoy in-house specialty days, fun activities, and more! Each group will rotate through our 4 enrichment programs throughout day- Team Sports, Lifetime Activities, Arts and Crafts, and Nature. Registration and will begin about a month out from the program.

Seacoast United April Vacation Camp

4/25/2022 - 4/29/2022, 9am - 12pm

At Seacoast United, NOT the Rec Center

\$140 Registration Fee. Preregistration Required on Nottingham Website in March

This camp is taking place at Seacoast United's facility (NOT the Rec Center). Seacoast United spring camp is a unique opportunity for young children to get involved in the game of soccer. The program ranges from ages 6-14 years, and offers an inclusive, learning friendly atmosphere for all involved in each session.

Coming Soon: Nottingham Clean Up Day

More information to come. April 16th, 2022. Rain Date April 17th.

Blaisdell Memorial Library*Submitted by Liz Bolton, blaisdellml@comcast.net*

Visitors, please note that masks are recommended, but follow your own comfort level and be respectful of others' choices. Curbside pick-up is available. Call or email us and we will put items out on our porch for pick-up during open hours.

Current Hours:

Monday: closed
 Tuesday: 10am – 5pm
 Wednesday: 10am – 8pm (added an extra hour!)
 Thursday: 10am – 7pm
 Friday: 10am – 5pm
 Saturday: 10am – 2pm
 Sunday: 12 – 4pm (closed Sundays July/ August/ holiday weekends)

Closed April 17 for Easter**Library Materials:**

We have noticed an uptick in library materials being returned to us with wrinkles from liquid spills, greasy stains, dog-eared, ripped, or torn pages, pencil and pen markings, and broken bindings. While we realize accidents can and do happen, treat library materials as gently as possible because they are meant to be utilized by the entire community. If damage does occur on your watch, please check with the library staff to see if replacement of the material is warranted as dampened and stained materials can cause mold. Thanks for your help!

Programs:

Most in-person programs require pre-registration, as we have a limited number of spaces, or a limited number of supplies. For some programs, such as story time, this may change as we head towards warmer weather and move outdoors. If in doubt, call or email us to find out.

All library programs are free and open to the public.

Children's programming runs in six-week sessions. Sign-ups will start two weeks prior to the session and will close when we have filled the program. Please call 603-679-8484 or email bmlchildrensdesk@gmail.com with questions or to register.

**Children's Programs:****Session 4: March 16 – April 22**

Lapsit Storytime (ages 0 – 3) **Wednesdays, 10am:** March 16, 23 & 30; April 6, 13, & 20

LEGO Club (grades K - 5) **Wednesdays, 3:30pm:** March 16, 23 & 30; April 6, 13, & 20

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 5) **Thursdays 10am:** March 17, 24 & 31; April 7, 14 & 21

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 5) **Thursdays 1pm:** March 17, 24 & 31; April 7, 14 & 21

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 5) **Fridays 10am:** March 18 & 25; April 1, 8, 15, & 22

During April vacation week, the library will be offering "Loose Parts Play" activities. These are self-guided, exploratory manipulative stations designed to stimulate children's naturally creative thought processes.



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Fifth session of children's programming: May 10 – June 17. Sign-ups for the fourth session will begin April 26.

Teen/Tween/Young Adult Programs:

BYG - March 16 & April 20 @ 6:30PM. Open to all students in grades 5 – 8. Contact Mr. Bunker @ 603-679-8484 or bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com

Hogwarts RPG – March 2 & 30 @ 6:00PM – limited to 6 – this program is currently full, for more details contact Mr. Bunker @ 603-679-8484 or bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com

Adult Programs:

Game 'n Gab, March 1 & April 5, 1pm. Join us for games, chat, & friendly competition in the meeting room.

Afternoon Book Group – March 3 @ 1:30pm: *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Chris Cleave

Afternoon Book Group – April 7 @ 1:30pm: *My Life in France* by Julia Child

Evening Book Group – March 23 @ 6:30pm: *Girls of Tender Age* by Mary Ann Tirone-Smith.

Evening Book Group – April 27 @ 6:30pm: *Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore.

Copies of the books are available at the library circulation desk.

Mindful Eating, Wednesday, March 9 @ 6:00pm. Learn the basics about eating mindfully and reinvent your relationship with food. Registered Hannaford dietitian Diana Robinson will be coming to discuss mindful eating using the title "Eat What You Love, Love What You Eat" by Michelle May, MD. Contact the library via phone: 603-679-8484 or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com to sign up or with questions. Program limited to 12 attendees.

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Electric Guitar Performance with Ellen Carlson and TJ Wheeler, Wednesday, April 6 @ 7:00pm. Come and listen to Nottingham resident Ellen Carlson perform with blues guitarist TJ Wheeler. Ellen, a talented local fiddler, has finished her apprenticeship with the State Council on the Arts in blues guitar and will be displaying her newly learned skills. We're excited to have them perform in the library during National Library Week! Contact the library via phone: 603-679-8484 or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com with questions.

Zero Waste Home, Wednesday April 16 @ 6:30pm. Tired of dealing with trash bags and wondering what to do with those containers you save but never use? Nottingham's Julie Wojtkowski will discuss how to make changes and get closer to living your life with zero waste. It's easier than you think! Contact the library via phone: 603-679-8484 or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com with questions.

Puzzle Drive: February 19 – March 4 In conjunction with the Nottingham Parks & Recreation Department, Blaisdell Library will again be holding a puzzle drive to benefit the Legacy Leaders Luncheon participants. Please bring any clean, adult-level, 1000 piece or less puzzles to the library or the Parks & Recreation Department during the weeks of February 19 through March 4. Puzzles with smaller numbers of pieces (250, 300, 500, 750) are especially welcome and please no puzzles with missing pieces or extensive wear and tear. Thanks!

Community Clean-up Day: Saturday April 16 Save the date – (rain date TBD) and volunteer a few hours to clean-up the community. Many different areas (ball fields, trails, playground, town beach, recreation areas, library grounds) need a little spring tidy-up and we're looking to get it all done in a day. Please contact the library or Parks and Recreation Department to get more information on how you can help. Hope to see you there!



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Nottingham Town & School Elections... Each March elected Town Officials and Board members, whose terms of office are expiring, have an opportunity to run for re-election or step down after serving their appointed terms. This is also the time when any registered voter can “throw their hat in the ring” and run for positions that are open by filing their intent with the Town Clerk in January.



The wonderful thing about these yearly local elections is that they aren't about political parties... they stand for local citizen involvement and volunteerism (although some positions pay modest stipends!). It's about everyone having the chance to help guide the present and future of our town. Examples of elected positions include Selectpersons; Budget Committee; School Board; Conservation Committee & Library Trustees – to name a few!

What can *YOU* do if you can't step up and run for office? You can do your part by turning out to **VOTE** on March 8th!

A big THANK YOU to Bonnie Winona MacKinnon who is stepping down after 10 years as Town Moderator (some were pretty challenging!), and to all the good folks who give their time to serve Nottingham, as well as those who run our elections so smoothly, securely, and efficiently.

*For more information about the election, local candidates, warrants and “where does our money go?” “How will it be spent?” & “what quality of life do we want our town to have?”, email hwr-nottdems@comcast.net & request addition to our mailing list and/or a link to our monthly online

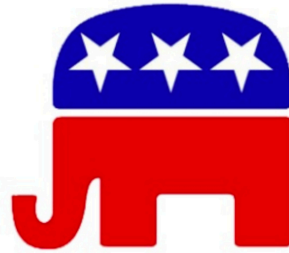
meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Find us on Facebook@nottinghamNHDems

Nottingham Republican Committee

The Nottingham Republican Committee is a fast-growing group of conservatives, libertarians, right leaning independents, and disenfranchised former democrats who are committed to fighting back against the radical democrat agenda.

We are truly amazed at the growth of our group and welcome anyone interested in joining the committee. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at New Hope Church, 34 Raymond Road, Nottingham. Come join us and bring a likeminded friend. We send a regular newsletter each month. If you're interested in joining our mailing list, send an email to Committee Secretary Pat Desrosiers at the following email address: memedesrosiers@gmail.com.



We regularly have speakers join us from around the state. Current elected officials along with new candidates looking to spread their message join us regularly due to the high number of people who attend our meetings. We recently were joined by Don Bolduc, candidate for U.S. Senate (opposing Maggie Hassan) and Tim Baxter, candidate for U.S. House of Representative District 1 (opposing Chris Pappas).

Election season is upon us and there are several ballot initiatives and warrant articles that are extremely important. Please watch for news and information on how these articles are aimed at your pocketbook and what the tax implications will be for you if you vote in favor of them. We will be breaking it down for you so

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Who are you voting for that clearly aligns with your values, beliefs, and agenda? Watch your mailbox for important information on candidates that align with what you believe!

The following persons have declared their candidacy for the following positions for the March 8, 2022 Town Election:

Board of Selectmen - 1 position, three-year term

John Morin and Eugene Reed

Budget Committee - 1 position, one year term

Douglas C. Bates and Robert Kelly

Budget Committee - 3 positions, three-year term

*Brent Tweed, John Decker,
Sandra Jones, and Michael Kelly*

Cemetery Trustee - 1 position, three-year term

Teresa L. Bascom

Library Trustee - 2 positions, three-year term

M. Kate Knight-Dupuis and Jennifer Phillips

Moderator - 1 position, two-year term

Dawn Fernald

Planning Board - 2 positions, three-year term

Eduard R. Viel

Supervisors of the Checklist - 1 position, six-year term

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Trustee of the Trust Funds - 1 position, three-year term

Denise Blaha

Zoning Board - 1 position, three-year term

Kathy Mayo

Candidates for School Board Positions included in the March 8th voting are:

1-Year Position

Susan Levinson and Vicki Greene

3-Year Position

Lori Kilbreth and Christopher Thompson

All Candidates were invited to submit a statement for publication in this Nottingham Community Newsletter, along with a photo, regarding the position for which they were running. All statements and photos received are included below.

Please consider these statements when deciding for whom to vote.

Board of Selectmen - 1 position, three-year term

John Morin

My name is JOHN MORIN, and I am asking for your vote for the Nottingham BOARD OF SELECTMAN. My wife, Lisa, and I moved to Nottingham many years ago because of family, friends, and the appeal of living in Nottingham.

I have been an active member of the Nottingham community for the past 18 years. It has been a great pleasure of mine to serve on the Select Board these last 3 years. I have also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Board of Assessors (BOA), Planning Board and the Budget Committee. With this experience I feel I can continue to be effective when it comes to communicating with the residents of our town about any possible concerns or issues and making positive decisions for all.

Over the years we have seen much growth and change in our small town. As our town grows and changes, we need to keep up our fiscal financial duties to keep Nottingham a great place to live and raise families. With my experience, I believe I can continue to effectively serve and meet the needs of all the residents of our town. I would appreciate your vote for SELECTMAN on March 8th.

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Board of Selectmen - 1 position, three-year term

Eugene Reed

My name is Eugene Reed, and I am a candidate for the Town of Nottingham Board of Selectmen.



I have lived in Nottingham for many years and have held elected and appointed positions on several Committees and elected offices. Those include Trustees of Trust Funds, Capitol Improvement Committee, Board of Assessors, Budget Committee, and Tax Collector. I have attended many professional seminars and conferences related to these positions. Additionally, Governor Lynch appointed me to serve on the State of New Hampshire Assessing Standards Board.

My professional career spanned 40 years in the airline industry. I am now semi-retired from a Vice President position.

The Town and professional experiences have given me the opportunity to manage complex relationships, enforce contracts, apply Federal and New Hampshire laws, and make appropriate financial decisions. I am ready to apply those skills in the capacity of "Selectman".

I look forward to serving the entire Town and not just one area. I will continue my history of advocating for reasonable spending, fair property values, open governance, and the men and women Military Veterans of Nottingham.

I believe I am the best candidate and therefore I'm asking for your vote. Thank you for reading this short statement, and please exercise your right to vote, always. Vote on March 8. Thank you.

Nottingham Budget Committee – 1 position, one-year term

Douglas C. Bates 617.682.5247

I am perhaps best known in Nottingham for creating www.NottinghamRoads.org, which detailed the history of how the Town Board of Selectmen got the Town sued due to their misclassification of several of the Town's roads, why the Town was likely to lose in court, and why voters should act to stop the Town's wasting of taxpayers' money on lawyers by overriding the Selectmen via Warrant Articles #19 & #20. The voters passed these overwhelmingly. Or, maybe I'm better known as the husband of Doctor Mary Braun, a physician at Lamprey Healthcare who has hundreds of Nottingham residents as patients. Mary and I bought a home in Nottingham just after we got married in 2018. Previously I was living in Glen, NH and Mary in Exeter, NH. We house hunted for over a year, zeroing in on Nottingham as the best place for us to live. We made the right choice.

I am a retired executive. My last role was as Chief Marketing Officer for a publicly traded company and executive member of the company's board of directors, where I was involved in overseeing the company's budget. Hence, I have considerable experience in overseeing budgeting at the scale that a Town operates at. I am also an author. My philosophy-as-self-help book, *Pyrrho's Way*, was published in 2020.

I am interested in serving on the Budget Committee so that I can help the Town avoid unnecessary divisiveness and legal fees from overzealous efforts to avoid expenses that the Town is legally obligated to incur, and which are traditionally popular with the Town's voters.



Budget Committee – 3 positions, three-year term

Michael Kelly

Hi, my name is Michael Kelly and I am running for a 3 year term on the Nottingham Budget Committee. I had the privilege of being able to serve as an alternate this fall and would be honored to represent you in this capacity again for the next few years.

There is no doubt that Nottingham is changing. In addition, our town and school are faced with certain challenges as we navigate the regulations placed upon us at both the state and federal level. This fall I was very impressed with how well run our town finances are and how much we are able to do with the available budget. That said, I also recognize that it is always easier to spend other people's money and I see that we cannot continue with the annual budget increases.

I think I would be a good fit for this position because I ran my own remodeling and general contracting business for over 10 years. As a small business owner, I have learned the need for multiple streams of income and would like to see if both the school and the town could incorporate other sources of revenue to the budget apart from property tax.

I think our town is amazing and it is no wonder so many people enjoy living here. It is always hard to hear from folks who are concerned they may not be able to stay in Nottingham because of the increasing tax burden. I know that there is no quick or easy solution, but I would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Budget Committee as your representative to balance and meet these needs and requirements.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to get in touch with me at 1776motorworks@gmail.com



Budget Committee – 3 positions, three-year term

Sandra Jones 603-942-8967

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I am Sandra Jones, a Nottingham resident since 1983. I am running for reelection to a 3-year term on the Nottingham Budget Committee. I believe the Budget Committee's duty is to carefully review budgets for each town department and the school system with the goal of providing both cost effective and high-quality services. I have always been actively involved community issues, and previously served for several years as member and chair of the Nottingham Planning Board.

During my current term on the Budget Committee, I am a member of the School Facilities Subcommittee working with Nottingham school Board members and others to bring in a school addition proposal that is as cost effective as possible and also meets our increasing space and programming needs. While I recognize that our school represents a significant portion of the property tax burden, I also recognize that supporting a quality education is a valuable asset for our community. Nottingham parents should never feel the need to resort to expensive private education options, while also paying required property taxes for public education. That would be truly unfair.

Parents seeking high quality education to help their children be successful in today's very competitive world need to know that the Nottingham school system will continue to provide it.






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Library Trustee - 2 positions, three-year term

M. Kate Knight-Dupuis

My name is M. Kate Knight-Dupuis, and I am a candidate for the three-year Library Trustee position. My husband, Tim, and I moved to Nottingham shortly after we married in 2011. We now have three children, Everett (8), Julian (6) and Aria (3) plus four cats and Zelda, our Bernese Mountain Dog. Although I currently work as a social worker, I have 5 years experience working at my hometown library in Hudson, New Hampshire.

I think our library is an important and vital piece of our community. It is not just for borrowing materials, but also a place where residents of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds can connect with one another. Nottingham is fortunate to have an amazing selection of services to encourage creativity, learning, and exploration. In a time where social interaction is often limited due to technology and the pandemic, libraries provide safe place to reconnect.

I have served on the board since 2020, first as an alternate and then voted in as a Trustee in 2021. I would be honored to continue my work as a member of the Library Board of Trustees and would appreciate your vote on March 8th.

Library Trustee - 2 positions, three-year term

Jennifer Phillips

My name is Jennifer Phillips, and I am a candidate for Library Trustee for one of the two positions on this year’s ballot. I am currently on the board, and was elected chair in April 2020.



I have lived in Nottingham since 2015, and I was appointed as an alternate in January 2016, which was a great way to be introduced to the Blaisdell Memorial Library. I enjoy serving as a Trustee—it is a wonderful community library and has so much to offer all of Nottingham’s residents.

Libraries serve a critical function in society, acting as a portal to self-directed learning, education, entertainment, and offering a gathering place in the community. They also work to bridge the digital divide by providing access to the internet, a vital

resource to connect to services that have become necessary. Libraries aren’t just about books anymore, and their importance continues to grow.

During the early stages of the pandemic, the Director of Blaisdell Memorial Library was in complete agreement with the Trustees that access to the library should continue—and she worked hard, along with the staff, to adjust library processes so that people could continue to check out materials. We continued to see growth in library card applications—around two-thirds of our town’s residents hold library cards!

The Blaisdell Library Board of Trustees continues to prioritize ensuring that all who use the library are being well served, including designing activities and events so that the community’s interests are reflected in its services. The Blaisdell Memorial Library is a remarkable asset to the Nottingham community. I encourage all to stop by and see how much it offers. I look forward to continuing to serve this library and this community, and would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, March 8.

Supervisors of the Checklist - 1 position, six-year term

Alexandra (Sandi) Neff

I'm hoping to be elected as one of the Supervisors of the Checklist. I was approached to fill in on the job last year when another member needed to resign due to increasing family responsibilities. I'm still finding out just how very many details there are to the job and have only scratched the surface. Fortunately for me, the other 2 members have been doing this job for quite some time and are coaching me. The importance of maintaining voter integrity and being able to provide the needed assurance that the laws are being strictly adhered to can't be understated--it matters to all of us! I'd like to continue to be a part of that process and hope you will vote for me.

Candidate for School Board – one-year term

Susan Levenson

I am seeking reelection to the School Board for a 1-year term. I have lived in Nottingham since 1993 with my husband, Ken, and our three children. I have served on the School Board since 2011, currently as Board Co-Chair. Over the years, I have been the Chair of both the School Board and the SAU Joint Board and

worked on many committees. Most recently I have served on both the Planning and Transition Committees doing work on the Nottingham School District having a single district SAU. The district is in the final transition year and there remains much work to be done before we are an independent SAU on July 1, 2022.

I believe the School Board’s priorities in the coming year should be:

- To ensure a smooth transition to our new SAU.
- The new local SAU should deliver cost savings to taxpayers.
- Continue to prioritize academic achievement at Nottingham School and for our students to be well prepared for high school.
- Continue our commitment to improve communication with the entire community.

While on the School Board, I have worked to learn as much as possible about the issues and to be fair in my decisions. I have enjoyed my time on the board and would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the community.

Town moderator – 1 position, two-year term

Dawn Fernald

My name is Dawn Fernald and I am seeking your vote for town moderator. I feel incredibly blessed to have called Nottingham home for over 20 years now. My husband Joe and I have been raising our four daughters here and hope that they will choose to do the same someday, so I am clearly invested in the history, the present and most importantly the future of our town. Like any worthy investment, I believe one needs to put in the time and hard work. I have made sure to be a participating member of this community, through volunteer work and/or civil service since settling here.

Over the years I have served on various committees and boards, where I gained a basic knowledge of how our town functions as well as experience running meetings and/or hearings. For the past eight years, I have also served as the coordinator of Nottingham Wider Horizons, which provides free/low cost after school enrichment programs to Nottingham kids. This has provided me an opportunity to get to know members of our town through the lens of their generosity instead of

their politics—which has served as the kind of “good feelings” balance that I often need in these highly politically charged times. Nottingham is a wonderful place, filled with equally wonderful people.

It is that balance of civil service and volunteer work that made it easy for me to also moderate Candidates’ Night for the past several years in a fair and kind manner. I believe it is that confidence coupled with genuine affection for this town and all of you that will serve me best as town moderator, have experience handling meetings with heated topics, already have established relationships with those that I would be working directly with, and have Bonnie Winona MacKinnon on speed dial when all else fails.

Planning Board – 2 positions, three-year term

Eduard R. Viel

My name is Eduard Viel, and I am asking for your vote as I seek to continue to serve the Town of Nottingham as a member of the Planning Board. Having lived in New Hampshire for most of my life, I value the characteristics that make New Hampshire



and Nottingham especially, such wonderful places to live. I have a degree in Environmental Engineering Municipal Processes from UNH and was honored to be appointed to the Planning Board in 2012 and elected in 2013 and I have proudly served as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board for the last 9 years. With a commitment to build on my experience and what I can offer our town, over the years: I have been able to attend various trainings such as the annual Office of Energy and Planning (now OSI), have been a representative of Nottingham at Raymond joint Planning Board meetings, and attended various workshops such as the NH Municipal Association Law Lecture series, NHDES hearings, and FEMA updates. I believe this commitment to collaboration and continuing education is imperative for a Planning Board Member to best position and put in place systems which work best for Nottingham now and in the future. In addition, I am a proud father of 2 young citizens, and a local insurance agent that supports many community charities. If re-elected, I will continue to work for Nottingham, utilizing citizen feedback as well as the updated Master Plan as guidance towards the decisions we, as a board, make. I am committed to representing Nottingham in a rational, fair, thoughtful, and open manner and welcome all of you to attend a Planning Board meeting in the future. Thank you for your consideration.



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